

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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 3 A nestable crate for bottles includes a floor portion having a floor top
 4 surface, a floor bottom surface and a plurality of bottle support areas. A wall structure
 5 is connected to the floor portion and forms a containment area therewith. The wall
 6 structure has a peripherally extending upper band portion with an interior surface and
 7 an exterior surface, and also has a single-walled lower wall construction comprising
 8 adjacent column members which extend between the upper band and the floor portion.
 9 The wall structure includes sidewalls and end walls, and adjacent column members
 10 have curved facing surfaces extending inwardly into the containment area. The inner
 11 surface of the upper band portion, one of the plurality of bottle support areas, and the
 12 facing surfaces define a plurality of bottle receiving pockets extending around the
 13 periphery of the wall structure.